

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
GREENVILLE DIVISION

Jackie Williams, #231414,	)	
	)	C/A No.: 6:08-cv-03350-GRA
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	<b>ORDER</b>
George T. Hagan,	)	(Written Opinion)
Warden of Allendale Correctional	)	
Institution,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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This matter comes before the Court on Petitioner's "Petition for Rehearing En Banc" and "Motion for Oral Argument." This Court, on February 26, 2010, dismissed Petitioner's § 2254 petition and granted Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Plaintiff brings this claim *pro se*. This Court is required to construe *pro se* pleadings liberally. Such pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than those drafted by attorneys. *See Gordon v. Leeke*, 574 F.2d 1147, 1151 (4th Cir. 1978). This Court is charged with liberally construing a pleading filed by a *pro se* litigant to allow for the development of a potentially meritorious claim. *See Boag v. MacDougall*, 454 U.S. 364, 365 (1982).


Based on the mandate to construe *pro se* pleadings liberally, this Court will treat Petitioner's petition for rehearing as a motion for reconsideration, as this Court,

unlike the federal courts of appeal, has no process in which to hear cases *en banc*. After a thorough review of the record, this Court finds that its prior decision was and is correct as a matter of law. The Court appropriately dismissed Petitioner's case and properly denied Petitioner a certificate of appealability. Consequently, this Court must deny Petitioner's motions and affirm its denial of a certificate of appealability.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Petitioner's Petition for Rehearing En Banc is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for Oral Argument is dismissed as moot.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
G. Ross Anderson, Jr.  
Senior United States District Judge

April 6, 2010  
Anderson, South Carolina